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NOTE FOR: Executive Assistant to the DDI

FROM : Special Assistant to the Deputy Director

This note returns the attached paper from TTAC and gives you some feedback which should serve as guidance for additional work on this paper.

The DDCI wants a comprehensive and definitive paper on Soviet acquisition of Western technology. The desired final paper is to be unclassified. If it is necessary to create a truly all-source paper (not just Secret), prior to the sanitization process, so be it. As an example of such a process, and of such a paper which is unclassified, look at the IIM on chemical weapons use in Southeast Asia, et al.

Having said that, my sense is that this paper is not comprehensive and definitive. Moreover, for what it is worth, only a few paragraphs in the current version are marked Secret--which would lead one to think that the bulk of this paper can now be published as unclassified. I do not think that is exactly what TTAC has in mind. If not, that issue needs to be corrected as well.

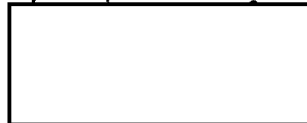
By implication, the portions of this paper that deal with "national security implications," wherever they are in this paper, should be removed. My sense is that the last major section of this paper, which looks to the future, beginning on page 21, should be retained for the most part.

The DDCI also wants the dollar cost comparisons removed from this paper.

Having talked to Chief, TTAC about this paper on several occasions in the past few weeks, my perception is that everything in this paper now (or almost everything) could be declassified without significant damage to U.S. intelligence sources and methods. Maybe there is some part of this whole issue, however, which I do not understand or appreciate sufficiently.

I recognize that this whole process takes time, but I urge you to stimulate OSWR to get on with this paper at flank speed.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please let me know.



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